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Back together for Christmas

AFTER spending the past two Christmases apart, this year's celebration will be extra special for the reunited Addington family.

For the past two years, minister Nick Addington and his children Natasha, 15, and Nathan, 12, have had only one item topping their Christmas wish list – that wife and mother Jane and baby sister Sarah could win a protracted legal battle in India and finally join them.

Now it has proved to be third Christmas lucky for the family as Jane and Sarah, 5, were at last able to return to the UK at the end of October.

Nick arrived in the UK in July 2009, after spending nearly 13 years working as a cardiac technician at a Christian hospital in India, and took over as pastoral leader at the Church in the Field group based in Kedington.

His wife, Jane, remained at their Indian home in Chandigarh, north of Delhi, continuing the legal battle which has gone on for almost five years to adopt Sarah, who has been living with the family since she was five days old.

The couple started adoption proceedings as soon as they began caring for Sarah, whose unmarried mother was unable to keep her. However, their efforts have been mired in bureaucracy. Even though they won legal guardianship of Sarah in 2010 and had been

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able to get her a passport, the wait for a visa, which was expected to take up to two months, turned out to be even longer.

After their first visa application was declined, the Addingtons had to attend an immigration tribunal in London, where the decision was overturned and the family was finally reunited when Jane and Sarah arrived at their home in Hundon.

Nick said: "It will only be an ordinary Christmas really, but it will be special because we are all together. We had a big celebration for Sarah's birthday on November 19 for all the family and friends who have prayed with us over the past five years.

"Sarah has adjusted very well; she has done half a term at Kedington Primary School and she is very happy there. I think it is probably more fun than school is in India. She is just lovely. The impression one gets is that she would be happy anywhere that Nathan, Natasha, Jane and I are. The children have been very good, not least Nathan who does not mind when Sarah wakes him up in the night. They just love her being here.

"We look back on it and talk about things like when Jane used to tell Nathan off over Skype. At the end of the day we always believed that God had brought Sarah to us and God did come up trumps in the end."



Family: Nick Addington and his wife Jane with children Natasha Addington, 15, and Nathan Addington, 12, with adopted daughter Sarah. Picture: Warren Gunn 792294.

See you in the New Year

The *Weekly News* is giving its delivery boys and girls a week off over the Christmas holiday.

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Police appeal as boy, 15, is bitten on arm by dog

A TEENAGER was bitten by a dog which was with a couple pushing a baby in a pram. Police are appealing for information after the 15-year-old boy was attacked by the animal at about 5.30pm last Wednesday as he was walking by the Hong Kong Chef Chinese takeaway on Queensway in Haverhill. He was reported to have been bitten on the arm by a German shepherd, ripping his jacket sleeve and leaving him with scratches on his arm. Officers want to speak to the owners of the dog, or anyone who may know who they are or may have witnessed the incident and could assist police. Calls should be made to PC Matthew Hammill at Haverhill NRT on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Man facing rape charges sent to Crown court

A MAN facing charges of rape, false imprisonment and sexual assault has been sent to Crown court for trial. Gary Beal, 43, appeared before Bury St Edmunds Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, when District Judge David Cooper sent the case to Ipswich Crown Court on January 3. Beal of Bury Road, Thurlow, was released on conditional bail until that date and has not yet entered any pleas to the charges against him. He is charged with raping a woman in Haverhill on June 18 this year, as well as falsely imprisoning a woman and sexually assaulting a woman at Haverhill on the same date.

Building bid by Asco

SAUSAGE skin company Asco has applied for planning consent to demolish an existing building and replace it with a new one. The plan for its site in Helions Bumpstead Road, Haverhill, has been received by St Edmundsbury Borough Council.



Mum's bumper brood of 45

Big family: Kali with some of her 45 babies - which zoo staff had to stop her from trampling.

IT may look like a scene of domestic bliss as a mother takes her bumper brood for a walk at Linton Zoo. But Kali, a 65kg African spurred tortoise, would probably have trampled half of the 6cm youngsters if it was not for zookeepers keeping the peace. Kim Simmons, a director at the zoo, which has seen one of its largest batches of babies in its 15 years of breeding, said the boisterous species are notoriously bad parents and the

zoo must keep them apart. She said: "They lay their eggs and that's it. If we kept them together the babies would be crushed and probably eaten by the adults. "For the pictures we had to have every zookeeper in the place making sure they didn't come into contact with them." Some of the 45 babies, which hatched in the autumn and now weigh about 50g each, will be farmed out to other breeding programmes and the rest will stay at the zoo.



Girl, 17, is killed in accident on A11

A TEENAGE girl has died in an accident on the A11. At about 11.20pm last night, police were called to reports of a collision south of the junction with Four Went Ways on the southbound carriageway of the A11. A Vauxhall Corsa was in collision with a broken down vehicle which had been towing a small boat. The Corsa was then involved in a collision with an Alfa Romeo. A 17-year-old girl, who was the front seat passenger of the Corsa, died as a result of the collision. The drivers of the Corsa, the Alfa Romeo and a passenger in the Alfa Romeo all sustained minor injuries. The road remained closed at Four Went Ways this morning. Traffic was being diverted through the old A11 south of the M11. Any witnesses to the collision, the broken down vehicle or the visibility at the time of the collision are asked to contact the Collision Enquiry Unit at Cambridgeshire police headquarters.

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Fined £2,500 for dumping medicine

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A FLY-TIPPER has been slammed by environmental health chiefs for dumping dangerous prescription drugs in a country lane.

The medication abandoned by John Williams in New Road, Shudy Camps, could have been picked up by children and would have been potentially harmful to human health, according to pharmacists.

The 37-year-old, of Stockley Close, Haverhill, was fined £2,500 when he appeared at Cambridge Magistrates' Court and was ordered to pay £615 costs.

He did not appear before justices but the case was found against him in his absence.

In an interview with investigators, he had admitted dumping one



bag containing the prescription drugs, and two more filled with rubbish.

Cllr Sue Ellington, South Cambridgeshire District Council's environmental health chief, said the consequences of Williams' actions could have been terrible.

She said: "Dumping waste is a mindless act that blights our rural landscape, but on this

occasion could have proved to be dangerous for anyone who stumbled upon the discarded drugs.

"Packets of pills can look very inviting to children and could have caused problems for wildlife.

"I must praise our health protection teams who act swiftly when fly-tipping is spotted and we are stamping down on this

type of offence."

She added: "We always urge people to report waste that has been fly-tipped as soon as possible and if you catch someone in the act please report the details to the police immediately.

"Our message is that fly-tipping will not be tolerated and you will pay a heavy price if you ignore the warnings."

Boy arrested over rape

A 17-year-old boy was arrested on suspicion of rape following the incident in Haverhill at the weekend.

A woman told police she was raped in the early hours of Saturday morning. Police were called by the ambulance service at 12.05am to Queen Street where they were treating an injured 23-year-old woman. She then reported being raped at Murton Slade earlier in the evening. The 17-year-old, from the Halstead area of Essex, was arrested on suspicion of rape and questioned before being bailed to return to the Bury St Edmunds Police Investigation Centre on February 29.

Officers want to speak to anyone who may have seen the woman between Murton Slade and Queen Street between 11pm on Friday, December 16 and 12.05am on Saturday. Calls should be made to West Suffolk CID on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Warning on bike thefts

BICYCLES have been stolen at the rate of four a month in Haverhill.

Insp Peter Ferrie, Haverhill's sector commander, said 25 pedal cycles had been stolen in the town since June. He added: "Don't leave bikes unlocked in the High Street and move them out of your front garden at night. If you are given new bikes for Christmas, don't leave the boxes outside by the bin, so everyone knows you have a new bike."

Patio doors are broken

PATIO doors were broken when a house was broken into overnight.

It is not yet clear if anything was taken during the break-in between 4pm on Saturday and 6pm on Sunday at a house in Cardinal Way, Haverhill. Calls relating to the incident should be made to Haverhill Police on 101.

Floodlights plan lodged

PLANS to retain six pole-mounted floodlights surrounding a ménage at riding stables in Low Road, Stoke by Clare, have been received by St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

Presents for heroes

Afghanistan soldiers send thanks to pupils

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TOUCHING thank-you letters from soldiers serving in Afghanistan have been received by students who sent them shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts.

Pupils at Samuel Ward Academy in Haverhill sent off sweets and crisps, toiletries and other items including artwork to cheer up the troops.

The school received a letter from Captain James Schenk, Aircraft Engineering Officer with 653 Squadron Army Air Corps, stationed at Camp Bastion in Afghanistan, as well as 40 individual letters from soldiers.

Samuel Ward achievement director Helen Jones said: "At Christmas time we have traditionally given our thoughts to those in our Armed Forces who will be far from their families and homes at this special time."

"This year we decided to remind 653 Squadron of the Army Air Corps, who are currently serving in Afghanistan, that they are very much in our thoughts and prayers. The Squadron are usually based at RAF Wattisham, not far from us by air, and are often seen in the skies around Haverhill in their Apache attack helicopters."

"We decided to launch Operation Shoebox for 653 Squadron and send a few things over to them for Christmas and to demonstrate our support. I had no idea how much our students and their families recognised the work our troops are doing in Afghanistan, and expected to gather enough for perhaps

Thinking of you: pupils at Samuel Ward Academy with their shoeboxes full of gifts to send to soldiers in Afghanistan.



10-12 boxes. Instead we collected 140 shoe boxes, each brimming with little treats and luxuries.

"Just as amazing has been the immediate response from Afghanistan. Dozens of letters have started to arrive from the troops expressing their appreciation for the gifts and cards."

"Among the letters is one from Captain Schenk, who has described the boost to morale for his troops on receiving the shoeboxes and letters as one that "cannot be underestimated".

"We have even had a telephone call from the mother of one of the soldiers to say how much the gifts had been appreciated by her son and his colleagues."

Messages from the troops

Jamie Mathieson Personally, I was taken back as I grew up from near you and know Haverhill well. I'm from Linton and had mates from your school and the town.

Corporal Frederick Appoh We are all glad for the parcels from your class and every bit of it was shared among us all. I personally got the red bowtie, Pot Noodles, and wore the bowtie all day at work.

Sgt Robert Deacon Thank you very much for the baked beans, they are nice to have late at night while we work in the cold Afghan winter. The lined paper and envelopes will come in handy when I write to my wife back in Britain.

Sgt Angela Cowling We are halfway through a four-and-a-half month tour and so will be spending Christmas out here. I miss my family and friends, but receiving parcels and cards from them and others like you raises morale and makes Christmas in the desert much better.

Lance Corporal Oliver Thomas Everyone on A crew really appreciated the box of goodies you sent, there was a mad scramble as everyone fought for the items they wanted. Luckily there was easily enough to go round and nobody left empty handed.

Corporal Caroline Gichoh The Haribos and the hot chocolate were my favourite. When I am on night shift, I guarantee you the hot chocolate will keep me warm and going. Your gifts have been the best part of our four-and-a-half month tour.

Lance Corporal Jon Wright The packages you sent were absolutely amazing. We all loved what you sent us, also the letters were really nice, they made us all smile. We are all very proud to be out here and although we miss our friends and families, we know our hard work is paying off.

Sgt Neil Bell Thanks for the great gifts, can't buy some of that stuff over here, so it was great when I opened my box.

My job out here is to fix the Apache helicopter. It is hard work and long hours. It can be hard being away from friends and family at Christmas, and receiving your gifts made me much happier.

Corporal Paul Bryson Your boxes put a smile on our faces. I don't know how we will find the time to eat all those lovely treats.

Tom The dry roasted peanuts are my favourites. I gave the hair paste to staff Sgt Woollams... he is bald and does not find my joke very funny. Life at Camp Bastion is not too bad. I am an Apache pilot and spend a lot of my day flying or waiting to fly. We can often spend over 12 hours sitting in the cockpit. When we fly it is almost always to support soldiers who are being shot at on the ground. We find that when we start flying, the soldiers stop getting shot at. It is very satisfying to know you are helping to keep people safe.

Grateful: The soldiers at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, who wrote to thank Samuel Ward students for their shoebox gifts. CP



Dear Howard Ley, headteacher I am writing to you as the Aircraft Engineering Officer of 653 Squadron Army Air Corps here in Afghanistan to say thank-you for the recent support you have shown my soldiers here.

We received your packages the other day and it is heart-warming to know that we have the support of so many whilst we are serving here in Afghanistan. The generous gifts and touching letters brought wide smiles to everyone here and, whilst we cannot be with our own friends and families over the festive period, it is extremely encouraging to know that your thoughts are with us. The morale boost given by the generosity of the children, children's families and teachers of Samuel Ward Academy really cannot be underestimated and the packages went a very long way towards maintaining our spirits.

I would be grateful if you could ensure that my heartfelt gratitude is extended to all for their extremely generous support and I take this opportunity to wish everyone at Samuel Ward Academy a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely,
Captain James Schenk
Aircraft Engineering Officer
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It's 'like a week on *The Apprentice*' as students tackle the world of work

STUDENTS who spent a week in the world of work compared their experience to a week on hit BBC TV show *The Apprentice*.

The year 12 students from Samuel Ward Academy in Haverhill participated in the Ardex Challenge of Management Conference at the end of their week 'at work' at the fantastic venue of Sturmer Hall, thanks to owner Daniel Hannan

who allowed its use free of charge.

The students spent the week at training workshops and work-shadowing employers, culminating in doing a presentation to a panel of employers.

The event was sponsored by Ardex, but was also well supported by other local employers such as Genzyme, AXA, Volvo and Addenbroke's.

Anger as homes plan lodged

DEVELOPERS planning to build 91 homes at a former football ground have been accused of trying to dodge opposition to their scheme by submitting plans just before Christmas.

In October, angry residents packed a Haverhill Town Council meeting where developer Bloor Homes was giving a presentation on draft plans for the six-acre Hamlet Croft site, former home of Haverhill Rovers Football Club.

Residents feared that access from the site would add to existing traffic congestion and parking problems in Hamlet Road and that the plan would create drainage problems and spoil the site in a Conservation Area.

Town mayor Maureen Byrne urged residents

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to make their feelings known and possibly hold another meeting once a formal planning application was made. However, Christine Murgatroyd said as the application had gone in on December 14, with only 21 days to lodge objections, it would be impossible to arrange a meeting in time over the Christmas period.

She was also concerned that the plans submitted were different to the draft ones produced before by the company, meaning the new homes would now directly overlook existing houses.

She said: "The plans at the town council

meeting showed the houses behind us, sideways on, with no windows overlooking us and we were told the would graduate the land. Now they have turned the houses round 90 degrees and they are going to remain at a high level, so that we will be overlooked by both upstairs and downstairs windows of these houses.

"We know we are not going to get this development stopped, but it is what they are putting there. It seems they have been a bit sly in putting their application in just before Christmas. There is no way we can organise a meeting now. It will seem as if no-one has objected, but the effect on the eight homes nearest to it will be absolutely horrendous. A big development like this should not have been considered over the Christmas period."

A spokesman for St Edmundsbury Borough Council said: "We do not have any say over when people send their planning applications in and there is a statutory three-week consultation period.

"However, the three-week period starts from when the application is advertised in the paper, which will not be until December 22, which takes the closing date to January 11. The planning officer says that with big, complex plans like this one we will always take comments beyond the statutory period."

The application can be viewed and comments made at www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk or in writing to the planning department, St Edmundsbury Borough Council, Bury Rd, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 3YU.

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Jack's on the hunt for a new home

A MONGREL who ended up in a dog pound when his owner was evicted for playing loud music is looking for a new home for the new year.

Jack, who is about nine years old, came from the Sheffield city dog pound several months ago and was brought to Jaybeth Animal Sanctuary at Barnardiston to avoid him being put down.

Owner Carol Harris said: "He is a very, very affable dog. He would need to be the only animal, but he is lovely with children and people."

"He does not need much, just someone to throw a ball and take him for a walk. He would make someone a lovely pet."

Anyone who thinks they can provide a home for Jack, or any of the other animals at Jaybeth, should call 07505 499184.

Take my lead: Carol Harris with Jack.

Picture: Richard Patterson 790164.

Facebook 'riot' man goes free

DESPITE posting on Facebook that he might 'join in' the summer riots, an unemployed man has had the charge against him thrown out by a judge.

Raymond Chisnall, 20, posted on his Facebook status on August 9 – when rioting in London and elsewhere was at its height: "Just heard that Cambridge has been put on red alert, might go there and join in".

He also sent two messages to a friend in Cornwall saying: "It is only against the police, I hate them" and "I would never hurt anyone or destroy houses or businesses, just the police".

Chisnall, of Chedburgh Place, Haverhill, denied a charge of

sending by a public communication network an offensive/menacing message when he appeared at Bury St Edmunds Magistrates' Court on Monday.

District Judge David Cooper said he was not satisfied that Facebook could be regarded in law as a public communication network or that Chisnall had intended to cause offence to anyone.

He said: "It is not an offence to hate the police. I am not at all satisfied that he was not just trying, stupidly perhaps, to appear big by hating the police. It is quite clear that he does not hate the police at all."

"Facebook has nothing to do with the decent principles of our society. It is a private company, not funded by the public and it is

questionable whether it is for the benefit of the public."

Sarah-Jane Atkins, prosecuting, said the messages were considered grossly offensive and menacing in the context of the riots going on across the country at the time.

She added: "Now it does not have the same impact, but it was at a very sensitive time for the nation. The defendant intended his words to be offensive to the residents and businesses of Cambridge and also the police, at a time of national rioting."

Chisnall told the court: "It was just a laugh it is slang that we all use. I don't hate the police, they are good people and they have done a lot for me. I actually get on with them very well. I regret sending it I had no intention whatsoever of offending anyone."

Sex offender is sent to crown court

A SEX offender who failed to inform police that he had changed his surname has been sent to Crown court for sentence.

Michael Duffield, 49, appeared at Bury St Edmunds Magistrates' Court on Monday after admitting a charge of failing to comply with the terms of the sex offenders' register.

Duffield, of Larks Close, Haverhill, who came into court in a

wheelchair, was sent to Ipswich Crown Court for sentencing. He was released on bail until that time.

Duffield has six convictions for a total of 34 offences, including a number of serious sexual offences for which he received an eight-year prison sentence in 2005.

He has served three-quarters of his sentence and was released from custody last October. He is subject to recall until

2013 and the rest of his sentence remains suspended.

Paul Cammiss, defending, said Duffield had only changed his name in relation to the doctor's surgery and mental health team, but still used the same surname for gas and electricity bills.

Mr Cammiss said presentence reports indicated that a return to custody was not likely to change his client's long

term pattern of offending.

Judge David Cooper said: "His ongoing pattern of behaviour makes it difficult to prevent the risk of serious harm from him."

"It is a pretty big decision to ask me to make about a man who has been sent to prison for eight years for very serious offences, and for that reason I am sending him to Crown court for sentence."

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Health centre plan scandal

Sir, I think the proposed closure of the Crown Health Centre is an absolute scandal ('Shock over plan to shut health centre', *Weekly News*, December 15).

According to Suffolk Primary Care Trust, GPs in Haverhill will be able to take all the consultations that the walk-in centre has.

There were 22,694 consultations during 2010/11; this equates to 102 consultations per day based on normal GPs' working hours.

The reason Suffolk Primary Care Trust says its is closing the walk-in centre is that it has made no difference to A&E attendances at our local hospitals. However, patients are being turned away from the walk-in centre when there are more than four people waiting, and being advised to go to A&E. This is because the walk-in centre operator started to use it as a GP surgery instead of providing the walk-in service.

Suffolk PCT opened the walk-in centre as a temporary solution until they found a more suitable site which could accommodate an X-ray unit.

When the walk-in centre opened the other GP surgeries in Haverhill opened longer and added their own walk-in clinics, although these were for only a few hours during the day. If the walk-in centre closes the GP surgeries will go back to shorter hours, no walk-in facilities and the 102 consultations per day currently provided at the Crown centre will have longer waiting times. GPs' practices are private businesses and there will be no competition.

Haverhill is a substantial town, and still expanding - why should the people of a town this size have to travel 20 miles to get to A&E? Many of the walk-in consultations are for young children at unusual times - will they be the victims of Suffolk PCT in the drive to cut £20m off its budget?

Cllr Pat Hanlon
Haverhill

MEMORIES



■ THIS week's picture, taken from our archives, shows a festive gathering in fancy dress.

Do you recognise anyone in the picture or know what the event was? Do you know where and when it was taken?

Send your answers to: Memories, *Haverhill Weekly News*, 4 Queen Street, Haverhill, CB9 9EF by Tuesday morning, or email editorial@haverhillweeklynews.co.uk

Picture: 780186.

University student Eleanor Seeley got quite a shock when she arrived home for her Christmas holiday and saw a picture of herself as a baby in last week's Memories.

Eleanor, now 19 and studying music at Hull University, said Castle Hill Middle School in Haverhill had been looking for a real baby to feature in their 1992 nativity play. Her mother Ros had agreed for her to be that baby.

Eleanor, pictured inset as she is today, said: "I had heard about it and when I saw it I knew that I was the baby in the picture. I only know the name of the girl in the middle, she was Lucy Williams. She is married now, but I don't know what her married name is. I had just got back from uni when I saw it open on the table and I was really surprised." Does anyone know the names of the other two girls pictured?

Picture: 780182.



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Life (U). Starring James Stewart, Donna Reed and Lionel Barrymore, Christmas isn't Christmas without at least one viewing of this wonderful film about an angel who helps the compassionate but frustrated George Bailey by showing him what life would have been like had he

never existed. Join us for a complimentary glass of mulled wine and a mince pie with cabaret-style seating. Our new cinema and theatre brochures will soon be dropping on your mats, giving you plenty of time over the holiday to mull them over.

Dates for the calendar to look out for in the New Year include the Centre Stage panto *Mother Goose*, which is running from Saturday January 21 to Saturday January 28.

Popular Blunderbus Theatre make a return visit with *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* on Wednesday February 15 at 2pm for small people aged 3-7 (and grown-ups who sleep with the light on!). Based on the classic children's book by Jill Tomlinson, join Plop the baby barn owl as he journeys into the night-time world of campfires, fireworks, starry nights and moonlit adventures. With an irresistible blend of live music, puppetry and storytelling, it's going to be a hoot! Who can resist the alcohol-induced *Way Out West* by The Future Is Unwritten on Saturday February 18 at 7.30pm? Two men walk into a pub; pints are drunk, the meaning of happiness and the chemical construction of pork scratchings

discussed. And they both seem to recollect dreams in which they met Laurel and Hardy. But that's simply laughable - isn't it?

The Haverhill Silver Band return with Tube, a superb brass quintet made up from musicians from Cambridge and Haverhill on Sunday February 19 at 7.30pm.

Total Stone Roses and Oaies will be playing an hour-long set each packed full of Madchester hits on Friday February 24 at 8.30pm for all our gig lovers.

Seabright Productions bring *An Instinct for Kindness*, written and performed by Chris Lerner, on February 25. Last year he accompanied his chronically ill ex-wife to Switzerland's Dignitas Clinic. He came home with an empty wheelchair and a story to tell. The show premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe 2011, where it won the coveted Scotsman Fringe First Award and was featured on *Newsnight Review* as a highlight of the festival.

Eastern Angles present *Private Resistance*, the ultimate 'what-if' scenario and a story of the bonds created and destroyed by war on Wednesday February 29 at 8pm. The Arts Centre will be closed from noon on Christmas Eve and will re-open on Tuesday January 3. We wish all our customers a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year (we would say that, we want you to keep coming to our events!).

Festive classic:
It's a Wonderful Life is showing at Haverhill Arts Centre tomorrow



Hair raising: Peter Doherty will subject himself to a full body wax and head shave.

Picture: Duncan Lamont 792494.



Peter to chill out with closest shave

JANUARY is going to feel extra chilly for hypnotherapist Peter Doherty, who is braving a full body wax and head shave to raise money for a cancer charity.

Peter, 54, is a hypnotherapist who specialises in weight loss and has shed four stones in the past year by taking his own advice.

He is based at Anne of Cleves House in Hamlet Road, Haverhill, and it will be there that he sheds all the hair on his body and head on Sunday, January 8.

Peter, a retired policeman, will be submitting to the wax strip and razor in an attempt to raise at least £1,000 for the Children with Cancer UK charity and already has more than £250 pledged.

Peter said: "It is a charity close to me heart as I have worked with some of these kids in the past. They have to go through such a lot, so I thought it would be a good way of raising funds."

"I did the Three Peaks Challenge for Children with Leukaemia a few years ago. As I got fitter and had more

energy because of my weight loss, I decided to do something else. Someone suggested waxing, so I thought it would be a good way to raise some money.

"It is a bit grey, but I have got a good head of hair, so I shall be getting some woolly hats ready for afterwards."

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Record bid: James Boyce had to quit in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

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Bug flattens X-Box challenger

AN attempt to set a world record for playing an X-Box game was brought to an early end by a stomach bug.

James Boyce, 34, started to play *Modern Warfare 3* on Monday morning and aimed to continue for 60-70 hours and create a new world record.

However, his attempt, staged at the Curb BMX and Jewell Windows premises in Queens Square, Haverhill, came to a halt at around 3.30am on Tuesday morning, when he became unwell.

James and his wife Alicia have an autistic son, 15-year-old Dylan, and he was hoping to raise £5,000 in sponsorship for disability charity Scope. He hopes to take on the challenge again in the New Year.

David Jewell, who hosted the attempt at his shop, said: "He tried to carry on, but he just couldn't."

Town chosen for budget pilot scheme

TOWN leaders have welcomed news that Haverhill has been chosen as one of just 14 areas across the country to pioneer a pilot scheme aimed to slash red tape and save taxpayers millions.

The announcement from the Department for Communities and Local Government said: "Haverhill will devolve a pooled budget to the 'One Haverhill' partnership. This will embed local knowledge and community influence over services."

Haverhill Town Council led a bid to be one of the pilot areas for the new Community Budget scheme, which will allow councils to pool their resources and give greater local control of services.

A delegation of outgoing town clerk Gordon Mussett, One Haverhill chairman Anne Gower, Claire Harvey from Suffolk County Council, Sarah Howard, chairman of Haverhill Chamber of Commerce, and Henry Wilson, representing the voluntary sector, went to London to press their case last month, after being shortlisted bid for pilot scheme status.

Anne Gower, who is also a county councillor, said: "I am absolutely delighted; this is a real coup for One Haverhill and their help is going to be invaluable in moving us on to the next stage."

"I pay tribute to Haverhill Town Council for leading the bid and thank everyone who was part of the deputation for their contribution. We did not do anything fancy, we just spoke from the heart and I think our passion for the town came through. I think that was what impressed them the most and that we are really willing to learn. It will really put Haverhill on the map."

Mr Mussett said: "I am really, really chuffed. It is a real opportunity for the town and there will be really exciting times ahead."

Mayor Maureen Byrne said: "This is a wonderful achievement for Haverhill. It gives us a real opportunity to involve local people directly in decisions about local services, and putting all of the various partners' funding in one pot will mean we can get the best possible value for money in what we all do."

"I am particularly proud because this was the only pilot agreed by the Government that was put forward by a town council rather than by one of the bigger district or county councils. We think this is really important - community budgets are best placed to succeed if they are driven by public service providers that are closest to the people they serve."

The ONE Haverhill Board is an independent partnership made up of representatives from across the public, business, voluntary, and faith sectors.

Four larger areas, Cheshire West and Chester, Greater Manchester, West London and Essex, have been selected to run a Community Budget next year. Haverhill is one of 10 'neighbourhood level' areas which have been selected to develop smaller-scale Community Budgets over the next year.

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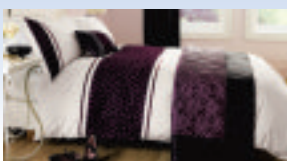
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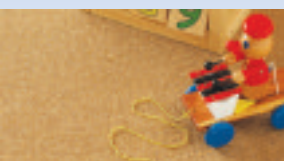
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Town shows its festive



Bible story: Marcus Ross, Harry Cohen and Taylor McAllister dressed as the three wise men with Cllr Roger Andre, left, and Cllr Christopher Spicer.

▲ TWO VIP guests went along to see a pre-school group's nativity play.

At the Stepping Stones Christmas performance at Coupals Primary School in Haverhill, town councillor Roger Andre and Mayor of St Edmundsbury Cllr Christopher Spicer who both took time out of their busy schedules to come and watch the play.

Cllr Spicer said it was the best nativity he had ever been to see.

The nativity was recorded by David Doughty of The Gallery in Haverhill.

Funds raised from the sale of refreshments and raffle tickets have paid for the children to attend the *Mother Goose* pantomime held at Haverhill Arts Centre in January.

Stepping Stones and the fundraising committee thanked all the shops and businesses that donated prizes for the raffle and Gary and Kim Wilkinson, who donated the first prize of the Marks & Spencer hamper.



▲ STAFF members at a leading biotech company have raided their larders to help their local food bank.

The Genzyme Haverhill site in Rookwood Way has donated food items to the Haverhill Food Bank, an initiative launched by local charity REACH Community projects.

■ RIDING on a magic carpet together has started a real-life romance for two panto stars.

It looks as if *Aladdin* and his princess are in a friendship that goes beyond the realms of pantoland as television's award-winning magician, Michael Jordan and his lovely magician's assistant Tamsyn Sear, who plays the princess, have struck up a real romance while rehearsing for this year's pantomime production at Haverhill Arts Centre.

Tamsyn said: "Climbing onto a flying carpet with Michael and being whisked off to the glitzy and glamorous world of *Aladdin* is very romantic. How can anyone resist such a wonderful experience?"

Aladdin star Michael, who was recently seen on ITV's *Penn & Teller* series, is surprised at their real-life romance. He said: "As part of the production I use fire, put Tamsyn through a mangle, chain her up in a cage and take her on a carpet ride, hoping she doesn't fall off. I'm surprised she still trusts me, but we are more than friends now and it's lovely to be working so close together on this year's panto. It

means we don't have to act much in the dreamy romance scenes as it's all natural. The only problem is that Wishey Washey keeps interrupting us."

The *Aladdin and His Magic Lamp* show played to sell-out audiences at Haverhill – and even had to have an extra performance added – from December 16 to 19. The local Centre Stage Company will stage *Mother Goose* at the centre in

It's a love thing: Michael Jordan and Tamsyn Sear, who have found true romance while playing in panto together.



Tuck in: Genzyme staff, left, with some of the festive goodies they will be donating to the Haverhill Food Bank.

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Stylish carriage: Santa and his helper, Manda Moo, at Dizzy's Day Nursery with Imogen Betts.

Picture: Warren Gunn 792287..

poverty for families and individuals living in the Haverhill area, until other social services or agencies can provide further assistance.

The Food Bank creates a safety net for individuals who are faced with unexpected crises, and works with other local groups to give help where needed.

Paul Logue, Vice President and General Manager at Genzyme, Haverhill, said: "At Haverhill, we are committed to engaging in local charities that service our community, and believe that the Haverhill Food Bank initiative is a good way of reaching out to the most vulnerable individuals in our area."

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> SANTA'S legs disappearing down the chimney in a window display has prompted some smiles – and is also helping raise money for a hospice.

Anne Loveday, receptionist at the *Weekly News* office for the past seven years, created her usual elaborate Christmas window display, which was admired by many passers-by.

One of those who admired it was Jenny Portis from St Nicholas Hospice Care in Bury St Edmunds. She took a photograph of it and used it on one of the Christmas cards she sells to raise money for the hospice.

Anne said: "She said it had made her chuckle and asked if she could take a photograph of it. She said she was going to use it on a card and put something like 'Bottoms Up' on it,

which she did. She sent a card in to us all in the office. It is nice that it gave someone something to smile about and that it is also going to do some good for the hospice.

"Last year I did snowmen at Christmas and at Halloween I usually get Matilda the witch out. I think it is nice because it attracts attention to the office."

St Nicholas Hospice caters for Haverhill and surrounding villages, as well as most of West Suffolk and Thetford. In 2008 the *Haverhill Weekly News* joined forces with the hospice to raise £40,000 in just over a year for the Hospice at Home appeal, which funded care for patients in their own homes.



Oops: *Weekly News* receptionist Anne Loveday with her fun window display. Picture: Keith Heppell 792727.

< SNOW, ice skating and reindeers were all part of the Christmas festivities enjoyed on the town square.

Haverhill Town Council provided the free entertainment on the Market Square as part of their Winter in Haverhill programme.

A synthetic ice rink was set up, complete with fake snow pumped out to add to the atmosphere, plus a snowball bouncy castle and a chance to meet three-year-old reindeers Rudy and Dreamer.

Winter wonderland: Callum Burke, Louie Burke and Jamie Hurley with, front, twins Lauren and Jade Huxley. Picture: Warren Gunn 790520.

< SANTA was travelling in style when he went along to visit pupils at a nursery.

On December 16, Father Christmas visited Dizzy's Day Nursery at Holland Road, Haverhill, in a horsedrawn carriage.

The professionally dressed carriage, provided by Supreme Carriages, brought Santa to the nursery to visit the children, where he gave each child an early present.

This followed their Christmas performance for parents. Children and their parents also got to sit in the carriage and meet the horses.

Earlier in the week, children from the nursery visited residents at Place Court nursing home to perform *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*.



It's a wrap: Mary Rawson, Margaret Beaumont and Mary Thake with some of the food gifts.

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▲ RESIDENTS have been giving extra generous donations to their local foodbank to make sure those in financial need get some Christmas cheer.

Volunteers have been busy at Haverhill Foodbank packing up Christmas items. The team have prepared 50-60 Christmas boxes for families in need in the Haverhill area.

Ann Merrigan, project manager said: "The people of Haverhill and surrounding villages have been amazing, we're in the middle of a terrible downturn with lots of people finding it harder, yet the generosity of local people has been absolutely fantastic."

"We are working in partnership with family support services in the town such as On Track and Cartwheels Children's Centres, the health visitors and social services."

One happy recipient was Emma Manktelow, 16, and her month-old baby. She said: "There was chocolate sponge pudding, chocolates, biscuits; it was a really nice surprise to see all that. The Foodbank has been a great help to me."

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Rationing led to creative cooking at Christmas



Right mix: Monica Askay shows how to make Christmas fare . . . Second World War style.

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Restrictive rations led to creative cookery during the Second World War – and it's something we could all learn a little from today. Food historian and cook Monica Askay talks to reporter Leanne Ehren at Duxford Imperial War Museum about cooking up Christmas during the war.

SWAPPING eggs for marmalade and wheat flour for potato in your Christmas pudding doesn't sound particularly appetising but "needs must" during the Second World War.

Being careful with food and prudent with ingredients was the way of life for everyone from 1939 to 1945 however, families did like to make an event out of Christmas, said Monica.

"People did want to make it a special occasion so often families would save up their rations to make it extra special and a lot of people would club together."

"Neighbours would join in and create a bigger dinner as would families, especially as so many people were serving. People would have a great sense of community spirit – it's something we could learn from today."

There was less meat, less dairy and according to the seasons a number

of foods we take for granted today were impossible to find.

Nothing was wasted and everything was homemade.

Monica said: "Christmas dinner wouldn't be the brightly coloured affair it is today. The wartime one looks very drab and lacking in colour. It would be brown and green and sludgy colours."

And forget seeing the golden roasted turkey emerging from the oven with glistening juices erupting from it.

"It would be mutton with stuffing. Or 'murkey', as some people would call it," Monica said. "There were lots of fake things during the war, like the 'mock marzipan' women would put on their cakes."

"Most neighbourhoods would also have had a plaster of paris cake cover, which would be passed around families for weddings, birthdays and occasions and it would look gorgeous and be all decorated. Then when you lifted it up, underneath would be a

tiny little cake with soggy icing."

Rations were allowed according to the number of people in the family, what they did and how old they were and recipes during the war were all written with a range of quantities, said Monica, to accommodate for the varying rations.

Whatever the time of year though, the meat rations were always very small, Monica explained, and meat was the only thing rationed by how much it cost, so people would opt for breast of lamb over a beef joint as you would get more for your money because of the cut.

Monica said fluffy roasties on Christmas Day would also be out of the picture as families could not afford to waste fat on cooking roast spuds, so instead would just have boiled potatoes.

In the week leading up to Christmas there was a chance people might have been lucky enough to have double the amount of sugar to make cakes and puddings.

Monica said: "A recipe

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for Christmas pudding containing 4oz sugar would use half of one person's sugar ration for one week. But sacrifices had to be made."

Lemons were impossible to find so the cake and pudding recipe would instead require lemon flavouring. "They produced a lot of chemical flavourings during the war to make things less bland."

And the pastry for the mince pies would also have been different to what we know today.

Monica said: "Before the war about 60 per cent of our food was imported and about 80 per cent of wheat was for bread. Bread was just so precious, so there were all sorts of tactics to maximise the bread you had."

She said families were recommended to fill up on potato before offering bread and also to let it go a little stale to enable thinner slices to be cut.

"So to save on wheat flour in pastry you would use potato instead of flour, either raw grated or cooked and mashed. Some people would also use oats instead of flour."

Eggs were another luxury and often replaced in cake recipes with sticky marmalade or black treacle to bind things together.

"Sometimes you would get two eggs a week with your rations but sometimes you might be lucky to get one egg every month. When the

Americans brought over the dried egg powder in 1942 it helped the cooks a great deal."

But whether it be Christmas, Easter, birthdays or just dinner on a Friday night, the women in the kitchen – as it predominantly was – had to use their imagination and work with what they had.

"Women had to be creative with cookery. They were very much doing it on a shoestring," Monica said.

"Most people would have been totally thrown by it and not been able to cope at all. And other people would have found it a challenge but they would have been able to deal with it. I think it took some getting used to."

Monica said rationing also resurrected a lot of traditional recipes from the 18th century using potatoes and carrots and it also created a wave of sharing acts in the community where people would swap recipes and tips through radio programmes and leaflets.

She said: "I really think we could take aspects of what people did then and apply it now."

"Make your own food instead of buying ready made – it's so much more economical and you can tailor it to your taste. There was a lot less waste then than what families waste now."

"They also made their own decorations and toys as well. Homemade cards, wall decorations and

games for youngsters are all things we could do.

"During the war people were encouraged to grow their own food – that's the whole Dig for Victory concept. And it's something that's become popular again now so families should embrace it."

Rationing didn't just last until the end of the war but continued for another nine years. Monica said as time went on cooks had to face ever-increasing challenges of making do with what was available.

"In 1939 it wasn't that bad but it gradually got more and more difficult and the period after the war was more difficult than during the war with greater food shortages."

"Just because it wasn't rationed didn't mean it wasn't readily available."

"People would get excited when they saw queues outside shops. Many women would just join the queue in hope that something good was at the other end – an ingredient had arrived that the town hadn't seen for a while."

"Emotionally and psychologically it was tough for people. The initial thing of thinking it will soon be over was dashed as it just kept on going for nine years. But people got on with it and dealt with it."

"They had fun, made Christmas a special occasion and it's something we should learn from during tough economic times."

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Wartime recipe for Christmas pudding

An example of a typical wartime Christmas pudding using rations:

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup breadcrumbs
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup suet
- 1 cup mixed dried fruit
- 1 teaspoon mixed sweet spice
- 1 cup grated potato

- 1 cup grated raw carrot
- 1 level teaspoon bicarbonate of soda (dissolved)
- 2 tablespoons hot milk
- Mix the ingredients together and boil or steam for four hours.

How to make mincemeat for Christmas mince pies, as issued by the Ministry of Food:

- ¾ lb fruit
- 4oz apple
- 4oz sugar
- 4oz margarine
- 2 tablespoons marmalade
- ½ teaspoon mixed spice
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
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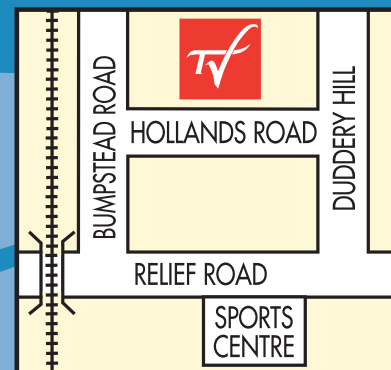
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Firm's hot property with home secretary



Gala dinner: above, Theresa May with Robin (left) and Daniel Pilley; left, the Home Secretary with CXG's Elaine Grubb.

HOME Secretary Theresa May met representatives from a Haverhill property company at a gala dinner at the Carlton Club in London for small businesses which have achieved outstanding success in 2011.

Directors from property company CXG were guests at the event – and in the Home Secretary's address she made particular reference to CXG director Elaine Grubb, who won the Women's Property Manager of the Year Award.

She also spoke to the owners of the CXG business Robin and Daniel Pilley, to congratulate them on CXG's achievement in being the only company that was nominated for four awards at the Landlord & Letting show – Letting Agent by Region, Campaigner of the Year, Customer Service and Innovation.

Robin, who with his brother co-ordinates a monthly business feature in the *Weekly News*, said: "I am very proud of our achievements this

year. It was lovely that the Home Secretary Theresa May found time in her busy schedule to recognise the importance of supporting the small business community.

"In these difficult economic times it is small businesses that can be the heartbeat of the UK economy. They will play a big part in creating the required growth that leads to employment opportunities, which will help us to drive the country out of the present difficulties."

School attack pair sentenced

A MOTHER and daughter who beat up a woman near a primary school have been given suspended prison sentences.

Carol Sloan, 57, and her daughter Katie, 29, had denied the attack but were last month found guilty by a jury at Ipswich Crown Court.

Sentencing them, Judge John Holt said witnesses had been "appalled by the intensity of the attack".

Both women have lost their jobs because of the incident and are now permanently barred from working as care staff, the court heard.

The pair were found guilty of assault causing actual bodily harm following an incident in Camps Road, Haverhill, last November.

The victim was Charlene Mansfield, who had been on her way to collect her son from Place Farm Primary School, when she found her way was blocked by the Sloans.

After Carol Sloan punched her and pulled the earrings out, Ms Mansfield told the jury that her face was clawed by fingernails before she fell to the ground, where Katie Sloan had joined in kicking her repeatedly.

Ms Mansfield said she was pulled up and assaulted again, with the attack only coming to an end when another mother intervened.

BY JO DEEKS

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Ms Mansfield said she suffered black eyes, scratches to her face and soft tissue injuries from being kicked in the head, as well as whiplash and torn earlobes.

Carol Sloan, of Broadcroft Crescent, Haverhill, had claimed that Ms Mansfield had made offensive remarks about her disabled son Glen, 29, and she had only wanted to speak to her to explain the situation.

Ms Mansfield denied making any remarks. She alleged that Ms Mansfield had aimed a punch at her and in trying to fend her off had accidentally caught a thumb in Ms Mansfield's earring, which was pulled off but, had no other physical contact with her.

Katie Sloan, of Castle Walk, Haverhill, claimed that she had been acting in self defence when she first tried to slap Ms Mansfield and then, while her glasses were dislodged, lashed out and struck her on the chin, which caused Ms Mansfield to fall to the ground. Both women denied kicking Ms Mansfield.

During the trial, the jury heard from social services staff who witnessed the incident from nearby offices and other parents who were waiting to collect children from school.

Ali Dewji, defending, said that

Carol Sloan had no previous convictions and was of "exceptionally good character".

She had for many years dealt with issues surrounding her disabled son without resorting to violence.

Mr Dewji told the court: "She must have been under an appalling level of stress and to her discredit did lose control."

Greg Perrins, defending Katie Sloan, said she also had no previous convictions and had been described in references as kind, caring and hard working. Previous jobs had included working as a special needs teaching assistant, a relief worker for Mencap and as a nursing assistant.

Mr Perrins said the effect on her family of her conviction had been severe and the incident had been a "one-off".

Judge Holt said Carol Sloan had "taken the lead" in the attack and had shown no remorse, while Katie Sloan, while taking a lesser role, had "egged on" her mother.

Carol Sloan was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment suspended for 18 months and told she must complete 200 hours of unpaid community work.

Katie Sloan was sentenced to 10 months' imprisonment suspended for 18 months and will have to complete 150 hours of unpaid community work.

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It's so pant-astical

HELLO, y'all!" cries a shimmering, sequined Sheila Ferguson, heralding the start of a different kind of Arts Theatre pantomime: minus regular dame Brad Fitt and leading lady Julie Buckfield but plus one soul singer and not one but two new dames.

This year's festive yarn is *Cinderella* – the behemoth of pantos – and the energy and gags went down a storm.

Working tirelessly for her two ugly, nasty – and suspiciously tall – stepsisters Beatrice and Eugenie (just one of many cheeky royal wedding nods), Cinderella can't wait for her own life to begin. But when a certain Prince Charming rolls into town, it seems Cinderella's luck may be on the

JENNIFER SHELTON is more dazzled than ever by Cambridge Arts Theatre's family panto, *Cinderella*

turn.

Cambridgeshire-born Katie Rowley Jones steps into the glass slippers as Cinders, while *Any Dream Will Do* finalist Lewis Bradley swaps his coat of many colours for a crown as a dashing Prince Charming.

Newcomers Andy Spiegel and Adam Price are a wickedly brilliant double-act as the Ugly Sisters, often fighting back giggles as they deliver lines, and creating an unbeatable combination of dame and baddie rolled into one.

Yet it's Matt Crosby as Buttons who steals the show: his rapid-fire plot summary is more dizzying than ever and his slapstick scene with Baron Hardup (Steven Elliott) is sheer joy.

Some of the best moments in panto are the comedy slip-ups, and the raucous flailing and unscripted laughing of the kitchen scene is surpassed only by the exquisite Three Degrees number with Buttons, Baron and Ferguson as the Fairy Godmother: a setup which is hilarious even before Ferguson takes a tumble down the Styrofoam steps then snags her dress on Buttons's outrageous wig.

The set, with its multiple backdrops – all exquisitely painted and adorned – deserves a huge mention, and though I should have stopped believing in fairytales 20 years ago, I could barely contain my glee at the sight of Cinderella's impressive pumpkin carriage.

So it seems the Arts Theatre,

which can always be relied on to provide a stunning family pantomime, has surpassed even itself this year. *Cinderella* is surely their biggest, funniest, most dazzling panto in recent years, and a great start for the new additions to the cast.

■ *Cinderella*, Cambridge Arts Theatre, until January 15
For ticket prices, times and to book contact (01233) 503333 / www.cambridgeartstheatre.com.



THIS COULD GET UGLY: Andy Spiegel and Adam Price as the sisters anyone would find hard to love.

Hansel and Gretel, The Junction, until January 3. (01223) 511 511 or www.junction.co.uk



Something different at Junction

THERE'S a sense throughout The Junction's folksy, alternative Christmas show that this is theatre which not only entertains but nourishes: lighting a fire of imagination in its audience (young and old) and encouraging creativity rather than simply throwing us handfuls of glitter, slapstick and one-liners.

Played out against a magical, snowy set, where props multi-task and actors slip in and out of roles before our eyes, NIE's *Hansel and Gretel* is like an elaborate bedtime story, told to us through song and speech, using both puppets and people.

A long time ago, the story begins, a country far away ('somewhere in central

Europe') was gripped by a terrible famine. Deep in a forest, a family chew on the last sliver of onion skin and search their cupboards for old biscuit crumbs. But one day, a trip into the forest turns into a full-blown adventure for Hansel and Gretel when they discover they've been abandoned by their wicked stepmother and soon stumble upon a delicious gingerbread house – with a deceptively kindly owner.

The on-stage instruments are a wonderful touch, conjuring up the haunting mystery of the forest and accompanying silly songs by turns. And the wonderful rapport between the actors and musicians, who quip and quibble and feed the running joke about where

exactly their story is supposed to be set, helps break down the barrier between the stage and the audience and create a fun, friendly atmosphere.

Carly Davis is particularly brilliant as the witch, displaying an expert cackle and a natural gift for comedy, and a glowering Mia Hawk does an excellent job of bringing back the classic 'wicked stepmother' of fairytale lore.

A magical show which ventures deep into the traditions of storytelling, *Hansel and Gretel* is a delight for all ages and an intelligent alternative to the gaudy glitz which can often obscure the humble wonders of Christmas.

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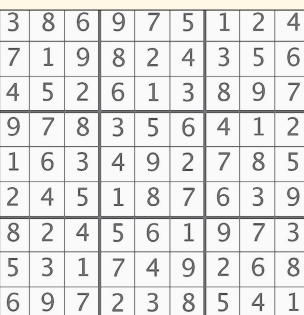


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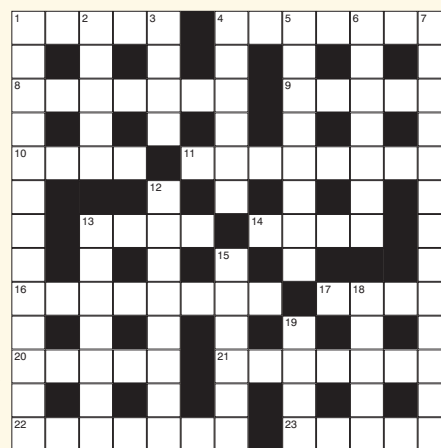
■ Last week's solution.

Crossword

Cryptic clues

Across

- 1 And 9 Across. Your arms are essential for doing this exercise (5,5)
 4. Means of verification, we hear, for money orders (7)
 8. They go after cooling drinks (7)
 9. See 1 Across
 10. Disorganised spy ring inside making quite a few bloomers (4)
 11. See 13 Down
 13. A piece of luggage to hold tight (4)
 14 And 19 Down. Having no joints, appear to be smaller, we hear (8)
 16. Lawyers reason it out! (8)
 17. Some of the chaps enjoy a recess (4)
 20. Because of having failed to settle (5)
 21. Particular place is in disarray (7)
 22. Battle colour (7)
 23. Frantically grasp some support (5)
 Down
 1. Part of the house used for listening to the radio? (9,4)
 2. The first of the federal acts showing defects (5)
 3. In the sale we sold farm



Quick clues

Across

1. Higher (5)
 4. Fight (7)
 8. Shorten (7)
 9. Fetters (5)
 10. Invalid (4)
 11. Gift (8)
 13. Ale (4)
 14. Skim (4)
 16. Repudiate (8)
 17. Broad (4)
 20. Brute (5)
 21. Refined (7)
 22. Step-like series (7)
 23. Awe (5)

Down

- stock (4)
 4. Oil a swivelled wheel (6)
 5. Jeopardise the conclusion with passionate feeling (8)
 6. It's assumed by the serviceman to be unvarying (7)
 7. Pay respect to a high standard? (6,3,4)
 12. The first of the nurserymen to get iron
 mixture - it helps the plants to grow (8)
 13 And 11 Across. How the miner is applying himself to the job! (7,4,2,2)
 15. Tangled reeds on a stretch of water in the Middle East (3,3)
 18. Previous leader of the brethren (5)
 19. See 14 Across
 1. Indomitable (13)
 2. Danger (5)
 3. Actual (4)
 4. Unfledged (6)
 5. Pest (8)
 6. Feeling (7)
 7. Impartial (13)
 12. Refutation (8)
 13. Under (7)
 15. Sift (6)
 18. Stupid (5)
 19. Principal (4)

Last week's solution - Cryptic clues across: 3 At the most; 8 Tied; 9 Plenitude; 10 Cravat; 11 Deter; 14 Large; 15 Rear; 16 Drama; 18 Send; 20 Clive; 21 Gable; 24 String; 25 Vindicate; 26 Ruin; 27 Red ensign. **Down:** Stocklist; 2 Repairing; 4 Tilt; 5 Hence; 6 Mutter; 7 Side; 9 Pared; 11 Drape; 12 Religious; 13 Free agent; 17 Acute; 19 Dawdle; 22 Laces; 23 Wine; 24 Stag. **Quick clues across:** 3 Blasphemy; 8 Bear; 9 Sagacious; 10 Uneven; 11 Deter; 14 Drive; 15 Dale; 16 Rouse; 18 Tour; 20 Quote; 21 Sense; 24 Master; 25 Disavowal; 26 Hurt; 27 Attendant. **Down:** 1 Absurdity; 2 Facetious; 4 Lean; 5 Space; 6 Hailed; 7 Maul; 9 Sever; 11 Douse; 12 Raconteur; 13 Desecrate; 17 Equal; 19 Regale; 22 Scold; 23 List; 24 Main.

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New leaves to turn over

If you're already huddled up by the fire with some mince pies and a glass of mulled wine, it's a great time to plan new garden designs, beds, borders and patio plantings from the comfort of your armchair.

We all need some inspiration from time to time, so with this in mind it might be worth sticking a number of books on your last-minute Christmas list, either for a loved one or to entertain yourself.

Here are just a few ideas from a plethora of great gardening titles which have come out this year.

COFFEE TABLE TOMES

■ *Great Gardens Of Italy*, by Monty Don and Derry Moore (Quadrille, £25): Escape to more than 30 magnificent Italian gardens featured within these pages, which have influenced and inspired almost every landscape designer and architect since the Renaissance. Each garden is placed in the context of its surrounding landscape and the lives of those who made it and who tend it today.

■ *Gardens Of The National Trust*, by Stephen Lacey (National Trust Books, £30): Stephen Lacey paints a vivid historical and horticultural picture of the National Trust gardens, from the formality of early gardens such as Hanbury Hall and Ham House, magnificent 18th century landscapes such as Stowe and Croome Park and



by Hannah Stephenson

the heady Victorian creations of Biddulph Grange and Waddesdon Manor. The book serves as a practical guide as well as a source of inspiration, with each entry detailing soil type and climate.

ALL-ROUNDERS

■ *The Curious Gardener*, by Anna Pavord (Bloomsbury, paperback £9.99): This is the perfect book to guide you through the gardening year and, on days when the weather keeps the most courageous gardener indoors, the perfect book to curl up with beside the fire. Pavord brings together in 12 chapters – one from each month of the year – 72 pieces on all aspects of gardening.

■ *Our Plot*, by Cleve West (Frances Lincoln, £20) If you want some nonsense allotment inspiration from one who knows, six-times Chelsea gold medal winner and allotment-holder Cleve West has produced his first book which is full of practical tips. West admits his mistakes so there's plenty of advice of the what-not-to-do variety, as well as brilliant tips for successful

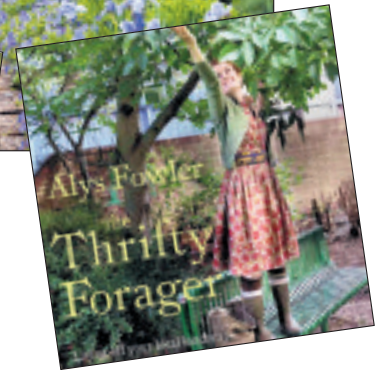
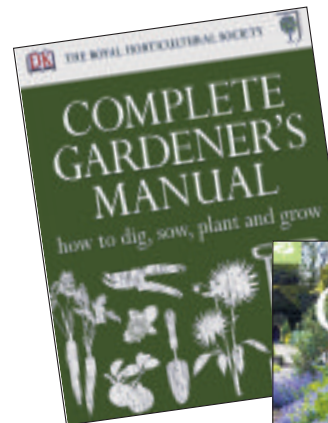
growing – and delicious cooking – of all the best fruit and veg.

■ *The RHS Complete Gardener's Manual: How To Dig, Sow, Plant And Grow* (Dorling Kindersley, £20), New, extensive guide for both beginners and more experienced gardeners, containing all the practical techniques, inspirational ideas and problem-solving advice that you need to maintain a garden of any size. From choosing the right tools for the job and improving soil, to planning a productive kitchen garden, this detailed manual combines practical advice with design inspiration and step-by-step techniques.

THE WILD ONES

■ *Sarah Raven's Wild Flowers*, by Sarah Raven (Bloomsbury, £50): Inspired by childhood excursions with her botanist father, Raven offers this lavishly illustrated guide to 500 of our most beautiful wild flowers, divided by season and habitat, incorporating gardens, hedgerows, meadows, ponds, coasts, woodlands and wasteland.

■ *The Thrifty Forager*, by Alys Fowler (Kyle Books, £16.99): Where others see weeds, Fowler sees supper. In this book, she looks at everything from the edible ornamentals in your garden to the 'weeds' by canals and along local riverbanks. What could be more satisfying than discovering a tree full of mulberries or blackberries perfect for picking? Did you know that you can eat poppy leaves or mahonia berries or that figs and raspberries often grow in parks? Keep your eyes peeled because food is all around.



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CHRISTMAS TV

CHRISTMAS EVE



BBC1	BBC2	ITV	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
<p>6.00 Breakfast.</p> <p>9.00 The Nativity.</p> <p>10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live.</p> <p>11.15 Nigel Slater's Simple Christmas.</p> <p>12.15 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.</p> <p>12.30 Keeping Up Appearances.</p> <p>1.30 FILM: The Santa Clause 2 (2002). Disney adventure.</p> <p>3.05 FILM: G-Force (2009). Premiere. Children's adventure, starring Bill Nighy.</p> <p>4.30 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.</p> <p>4.50 Winter Wipeout Christmas Special.</p> <p>5.50 FILM: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (2005).</p> <p>8.00 Merlin. Part two of two. Morgana and Helios have captured Camelot, leaving Arthur and Merlin on the run – whilst the king has lost the will to fight. Last in the series.</p> <p>8.45 EastEnders.</p> <p>9.20 Outnumbered.</p> <p>10.00 Lapland. Comedy drama. A Birkenhead family travel to Lapland for a festive holiday they will never forget.</p> <p>11.15 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.</p> <p>11.25 BBC News: Weather. (C) 11.45 Midnight Mass from St George's Cathedral Southwark.</p> <p>12.55 FILM: At First Sight (1999). Romantic drama, starring Val Kilmer and Mira Sorvino.</p>	<p>6.00 CBeebies: The Pingu Show.</p> <p>6.10 Timmy's Christmas Surprise.</p> <p>6.35 Justin's House Christmas Special.</p> <p>7.00 CBBC: Little Howard's Big Christmas Question.</p> <p>7.25 Bear Behaving Badly.</p> <p>7.45 The Story of Tracy Beaker; (C) Bernard.</p> <p>8.05 League of Super Evil.</p> <p>8.15 Horrible Histories: Horrible Christmas.</p> <p>8.50 FILM: Jump In! (2007). Drama, starring Corbin Bleu.</p> <p>10.10 FILM: Bicentennial Man (1999). Sci-fi drama, starring Robin Williams.</p> <p>12.10 FILM: Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco (1996). Animal adventure sequel.</p> <p>1.35 Pappano's Essential Tosca.</p> <p>2.35 Tosca from the Royal Opera House.</p> <p>4.45 Christmas University Challenge.</p> <p>5.15 Dad's Army.</p> <p>5.45 Carols from King's.</p> <p>7.00 The John Craven Years. Documentary.</p> <p>8.00 Morecambe and Wise.</p> <p>9.00 The Many Faces of Les Dawson.</p> <p>10.00 The Best of Les Dawson.</p> <p>10.25 Top of the Pops 2: Christmas Special.</p> <p>11.55 Blackadder Rides Again.</p> <p>12.55 Never Mind the Buzzcocks.</p> <p>1.25 FILM: Holiday in Handcuffs (2007). Romantic comedy, starring Melissa Joan Hart and Mario Lopez.</p>	<p>6.00 CITV: Mini CITV.</p> <p>7.25 CITV.</p> <p>8.15 FILM: Tom and Jerry: The Magic Ring (2002). Premiere. Animated comedy, with the voice of Jeff Bennett.</p> <p>9.25 FILM: Santa Claus: The Movie (1985). Family fantasy adventure.</p> <p>11.30 Coronation Street.</p> <p>1.25 ITV News and Weather.</p> <p>1.45 FILM: The Polar Express (2004). Animated adventure, with the voice of Tom Hanks.</p> <p>3.35 FILM: ET: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982). A lonely boy befriends a stranded alien.</p> <p>5.45 Steven Spielberg's sci-fi fantasy, starring Henry Thomas and Drew Barrymore.</p> <p>5.45 ITV News and Weather.</p> <p>6.00 You've Been Framed! Christmas Special.</p> <p>6.30 The Cube Celebrity Special. Coronation Street special which sees actors Ryan Thomas (Jason Grimshaw) and Julie Hesmondhalgh (Hayley Cropper) swap the cobbles for the Cube.</p> <p>7.30 Text Santa. The aim is to raise as much money as possible for vulnerable people during Christmas.</p> <p>10.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Donny Osmond.</p> <p>11.00 ITV News and Weather.</p> <p>11.15 Carols from Bucklebury. Traditional festive service from Berkshire.</p> <p>12.15 FILM: Connie and Carla (2004).</p>	<p>7.15 FILM: Garfield (2004).</p> <p>8.45 Olive, the Other Reindeer.</p> <p>9.40 Prep & Landing.</p> <p>10.10 FILM: Charlotte's Web (2006).</p> <p>12.00 FILM: The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992).</p> <p>1.40 Gordon's Christmas Cookalong – Get Ready.</p> <p>1.50 Jamie's Christmas with Bells On.</p> <p>2.55 Jamie's Christmas with Bells On.</p> <p>4.00 Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto.</p> <p>5.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions.</p> <p>5.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions.</p> <p>6.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions.</p> <p>6.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions.</p> <p>7.00 Channel 4 News.</p> <p>7.05 4thought.tv.</p> <p>7.15 FILM: Hairspray (2007). Premiere. Musical comedy, starring Nikki Blonsky.</p> <p>9.20 Home for the Holidays.</p> <p>10.55 Bill Bailey: Dandelion Mind.</p> <p>11.55 Father Ted Christmas Special.</p> <p>1.05 Music on 4: Inputoutput.</p> <p>1.15 Comedy Lab: Kabadassess.</p> <p>1.45 Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows – T4 Movie Special.</p> <p>2.00 Cee Lo Takes the UK: Christmas with All the Goodies.</p> <p>2.10 FILM: Ashes of Time Redux (1994).</p> <p>3.45 Southland.</p> <p>4.30 World War II: The Last Heroes.</p>	<p>6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig.</p> <p>6.05 Fifi and the Flowerlots.</p> <p>6.15 Fireman Sam.</p> <p>6.25 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs.</p> <p>6.40 Castle Farm.</p> <p>6.50 Igam Ogam.</p> <p>7.00 Thomas & Friends Special: Day of the Diesels.</p> <p>8.05 Little Princess.</p> <p>8.20 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.</p> <p>8.40 Angelina Ballerina.</p> <p>8.55 Rupert Bear.</p> <p>9.05 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.</p> <p>9.25 The Mr Men Show.</p> <p>9.40 Roary the Racing Car.</p> <p>10.00 Mist: Sheepdog Tales.</p> <p>10.15 Chef Donald.</p> <p>10.20 ThunderCats.</p> <p>10.55 Meerkat Manor.</p> <p>11.25 Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads.</p> <p>12.25 Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers.</p> <p>1.30 Cars Toons.</p> <p>1.35 FILM: Mrs Miracle (2009).</p> <p>3.25 FILM: Meet the Santas (2005).</p> <p>5.05 FILM: Scrooge – A Christmas Carol (1951).</p> <p>7.00 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Delivery.</p> <p>7.55 5 News Weekend.</p> <p>8.00 The Gadget Show Christmas Eve Special.</p> <p>9.00 Suzi Perry investigates 4G communications whilst Jason Bradbury examines products due to hit the shops in 2012.</p> <p>9.00 Greatest Christmas TV Moments.</p> <p>12.00 SuperCasino.</p> <p>4.00 Great Artists.</p>



Doctor Who
BBC1, Christmas Day, 7pm



Text Santa
ITV, Christmas Eve, 7.30pm



Bear's Wild Weekend with Miranda
Channel 4, Boxing Day, 9pm



Andre Rieu's Christmas Spectacular
five, Christmas Day, 10.55am



CHRISTMAS DAY



BBC1	BBC2	ITV	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
<p>6.00 Breakfast.</p> <p>9.00 The Nativity.</p> <p>10.00 Christmas Day Eucharist from Lichfield Cathedral.</p> <p>11.00 Songs of Praise – Christmas Day Big Sing.</p> <p>11.40 Morecambe and Wise.</p> <p>12.25 BBC News: Weather.</p> <p>12.35 FILM: Kung Fu Panda (2008). Animated comedy.</p> <p>2.00 Top of the Pops Christmas 2011.</p> <p>3.00 The Queen.</p> <p>3.10 FILM: Monsters vs Aliens (2009). Premiere.</p> <p>4.35 BBC News: Weather.</p> <p>4.50 FILM: Ratatouille (2007). Premiere.</p> <p>6.30 The Gruffalo's Child.</p> <p>7.00 Doctor Who. The Time Lord crash-lands on Earth during the Second World War in a festive special inspired by CS Lewis's Narnia stories.</p> <p>8.00 Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special 2011. Barry McGuigan, Su Pollard, Simon Webbe, Debra Stephenson and Charlie Brooks take to the floor.</p> <p>9.00 EastEnders. Hour-long episode.</p> <p>10.00 Absolutely Fabulous. First of two specials.</p> <p>10.30 Michael McIntyre's Christmas Comedy Roadshow.</p> <p>11.30 BBC News: Weather.</p> <p>11.45 On Christmas Night.</p> <p>11.50 Have I Got a Bit More News for You.</p> <p>12.30 The Graham Norton Show Christmas Special.</p>	<p>6.00 CBeebies: Charlie and Lola.</p> <p>6.20 Octonauts and the Great Christmas Rescue.</p> <p>6.45 Mister Maker Comes to Town.</p> <p>7.10 CBBC: Arthur's Perfect Christmas.</p> <p>8.05 Shaun the Sheep.</p> <p>8.15 What's New Scooby-Doo?</p> <p>8.40 Blue Peter Christmas Special.</p> <p>9.05 The Slammer Christmas Special.</p> <p>9.35 FILM: The Magic Roundabout (2005). Animated adventure.</p> <p>10.50 FILM: The Sword in the Stone (1963). Disney animated adventure.</p> <p>12.10 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.</p> <p>2.10 A Musical Nativity with John Rutter.</p> <p>3.10 The Prince and the Composer: A Film about Hubert Parry by HRH the Prince of Wales.</p> <p>4.40 Dad's Army.</p> <p>5.10 Porridge.</p> <p>5.50 The Queen.</p> <p>6.00 Christmas University Challenge.</p> <p>6.30 Darcy Russell Dances Hollywood.</p> <p>8.00 Blackadder the Third.</p> <p>8.30 Blackadder the Third.</p> <p>9.00 The Toys That Made Christmas. A look back.</p> <p>10.30 James May's Man Lab Xmas Special.</p> <p>11.30 Victoria Wood with All the Trimmings.</p> <p>12.25 The Many Faces of Les Dawson.</p>	<p>6.00 CITV: Mini CITV.</p> <p>7.25 CITV.</p> <p>7.45 FILM: The Borrowers (1997). Children's fantasy, starring John Goodman.</p> <p>9.25 FILM: March of the Penguins (2005). Oscar-winning nature documentary.</p> <p>11.00 FILM: Miracle on 34th Street (1994). Family drama remake.</p> <p>1.05 ITV News and Weather.</p> <p>1.15 FILM: Aladdin (1992).</p> <p>3.00 The Queen. Her Majesty's annual address.</p> <p>3.10 FILM: Happy Feet (2006).</p> <p>5.10 ITV News and Weather.</p> <p>5.30 New You've Been Framed!</p> <p>6.00 Emmerdale. Hour-long episode. Amy makes a decision about Kyle's future.</p> <p>7.00 All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special. Teams from reality show TOWIE and comedy series Benidorm take part.</p> <p>8.00 Coronation Street. Becky hits the bottle and burns her photos of Steve after learning he has proposed to Tracy but the flat goes up in flames when she falls asleep.</p> <p>9.00 Downton Abbey. Bates's arrest casts a shadow over the festivities.</p> <p>11.05 ITV News and Weather.</p> <p>11.20 Benidorm. Festive episode from Boxing Day 2010.</p> <p>12.35 The Comedy Annual.</p> <p>1.35 FILM: The Towering Inferno (1974).</p>	<p>6.10 FILM: The Ugly Duckling and Me (2006). Premiere. Animated comedy, with the voice of Morgan C Jones.</p> <p>7.40 The Simpsons.</p> <p>8.00 The Simpsons.</p> <p>8.30 FILM: James and the Giant Peach (1996). Children's fantasy, with Paul Terry.</p> <p>10.00 Gordon's Christmas Cookalong Live.</p> <p>2.00 Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas.</p> <p>2.30 The Snowman.</p> <p>3.00 Celebrity Come Dine with Me.</p> <p>4.05 Channel 4 News.</p> <p>4.10 4thought.tv.</p> <p>4.15 The Alternative Christmas Message.</p> <p>4.20 Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto.</p> <p>5.20 FILM: Big (1988). Comedy, starring Tom Hanks.</p> <p>7.15 FILM: Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009). Sid the sloth's friends search for him when he is taken to an underground world inhabited by dinosaurs. Animated sequel, featuring the voice of John Leguizamo.</p> <p>9.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special. With Ruth Jones, David Walliams, Jedward and Steps.</p> <p>10.00 Rude Tube: Epic Christmas. Alex Zane presents the 50 greatest festive internet videos.</p> <p>11.05 So This Is Christmas.</p> <p>12.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Christmas Special.</p>	<p>6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig.</p> <p>6.05 Fifi and the Flowerlots.</p> <p>6.15 Fireman Sam Christmas Special.</p> <p>6.35 Castle Farm.</p> <p>6.45 Igam Ogam.</p> <p>6.55 Roorbarb and Custard Too.</p> <p>7.00 The Milkshake! Show.</p> <p>7.25 Make Way for Noddy.</p> <p>7.35 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.</p> <p>7.45 Little Princess.</p> <p>8.05 Milkshake! Monkey.</p> <p>8.10 Angelina Ballerina.</p> <p>8.25 Rupert Bear.</p> <p>8.45 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.</p> <p>9.00 FILM: Mist: The Tale of a Sheepdog Puppy (2006). Trailer Horn.</p> <p>10.30 Animal Rescue Squad.</p> <p>10.55 Andre Rieu's Christmas Spectacular.</p> <p>11.55 Ice Road Truckers.</p> <p>12.55 Ice Road Truckers.</p> <p>1.55 Cars – Unidentified Flying Mater.</p> <p>2.00 FILM: Mrs Miracle 2: Miracle in Manhattan (2010).</p> <p>3.45 FILM: Mrs Santa Claus (1996). Starring Angela Lansbury.</p> <p>5.30 FILM: The Santa Suit (2010). Starring Kevin Sorbo.</p> <p>7.25 FILM: The Christmas Card (2006).</p> <p>9.05 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Delivery.</p> <p>10.00 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs.</p> <p>1.00 SuperCasino.</p>

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Top of the tree is the Toyota Land Cruiser 3.0D-4D Invincible, retaining an impressive 72.2 per cent after three years thanks to its reliability and toughness.

The next four places in the table are all taken by SUVs: the Ford Kuga 2.0 TDCi, Audi Q5 2.0 TDI and Porsche Cayenne all retaining more than 70 per cent of their value after three years, with Volvo's XC60 managing a respectable 68.1 per cent.

Fiat's 500 1.2 and Suzuki's Jimny 1.3 occupy sixth and seventh in the table, managing 67.6 per cent and 66.3 per cent retained value respectively.

Eighth is the Volkswagen Scirocco 2.0 TDI on 66.1 per cent, while the Alfa Romeo



Ford Kuga: Second best value.

Mito 1.4 and Volkswagen Golf GT 2.0 TDI are tied for ninth with 66 per cent retained value.

Seven of the top 10 are diesels and perhaps surprisingly, most of the cars are larger premium models rather than small superminis, suggesting that the predicted migration to smaller and more fuel-efficient cars has yet to take hold of the used market.



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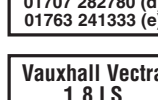
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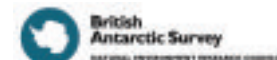
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Football

Harrison leads way as HSA go on rampage

Haverhill Sports Association 10 Barnston 0
Essex & Suffolk Border League, Division One

HAVERHILL made it four wins on the bounce – a run which has produced 28 goals with only two in reply – as Barnston tried hard to cope with HSA's pace and movement, particularly in the first half.

And with league leaders Maldon losing, HSA can close the gap at the top to four points if they win their Boxing Day derby against Gosfield.

Parity on Saturday lasted only four minutes, with Callum Harrison lining up Tom Marsh, whose composed finish left the keeper rooted to the spot.

The lead was doubled soon after when Jon Welsh split Barnston's defence and Harrison rolled the ball in and they should have made it 3-0 on 15 minutes but Harrison's tame penalty – awarded after he was brought down – was saved.

A superb one-handed save from Liam Savage prevented Barnston from making the most of their reprieve, and Paul Hunt rubbed salt in their wounds with the third a few minutes later.

Sam Holmes made it 4-0 with a thumping drive at the end of a good run, and No 5 arrived when Harry Halls tapped in Ben Bradley's cross.

Harrison capitalised on a defensive error to get his second of the game and, in the last action of a sensational first half, Bradley outwitted the defenders to finish calmly.

Barnston dug in and prevented another goal until the hour mark

Well done: Mark Coulson collects the Goal of the Month award from Paul Goodings, the director of West Wrattling's sponsors, Affordable Courier Services. CP



when Marsh lashed home and Harrison completed his hat-trick with a glancing header from a shot by Ryan Geoghegan, who completed the rout in the last minute.

West Wrattling 2 Fulbourn 1
Kershaw League, Premier Division

THE 10-point gap counted for nothing as mid-table West Wrattling beat fourth-placed Fulbourn.

The hosts, who were without top striker Danny Hills, went ahead thanks to Tom Attwood's early effort, but it was level pegging at the interval as a free kick was cleared and the visitors scored on the counter-attack.

With 15 minutes remaining, Craig Cutts forced a defender into an error and Owen Longley took full advantage to secure the win.

Lee Dawson was given his marching orders late on for the visitors after collecting two yellow cards, but Wrattling's joint-boss

Brian Pilgrim said: "A win against one of the top sides had been coming, so we were well pleased."

Fulbourn Falcons 2 West Wrattling 2
Cambridge and District Colts League, under-15A

MARK Coulson fired their goal of the month as West Wrattling twice fought back to snatch a draw.

Falcons managed to take the lead 11 minutes into the second half but Coulson levelled with a curling free kick from distance.

Falcons re-took the lead at 2-1 and looked on course to extend their lead when they were awarded a penalty. However, man-of-the-match Aaron Millar produced a superb save from the well-struck spot kick and then managed to keep out the follow-up shot.

Coulson was also pivotal in the Wrattling equaliser as his free kick to the far post was headed in by Connor Goodings.

Results

FOOTBALL

Saturday

RIDGEONS LEAGUE

Premier Division: CRC v Brantham (post), Dereham Tn v Diss Tn 0, Gorleston 0 Felixstowe & Walton Utd 4, Hadleigh Utd 2 Mildenhall Tn 4, Haverhill Rov v FC Clacton (post), Kirkley & Pakefield 0 Newmarket Tn 0, Stanway Rov v Ely City (post), Walsham le Willows 3 Wivenhoe 1, Wisbech Tn v Gt Yarmouth (post), Woodbridge Tn 0 Wroxham 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wroxham	21	16	3	2	57	12	51
Brantham Ath	20	15	1	4	55	24	46
Norwich Utd	23	13	3	7	38	25	42
Ely City	20	12	5	3	45	34	41
Wisbech Tn	19	13	1	5	46	29	40
CRC	23	12	4	7	56	40	40
Dereham Tn	22	13	1	8	44	33	40
FC Clacton	19	12	0	7	41	26	36
Mildenhall Tn	23	10	4	9	46	38	34
Stanway Rov	22	10	4	8	39	31	34
Gorleston	21	10	4	7	36	33	34
Woodbridge Tn	22	9	6	7	47	38	33
Hadleigh Utd	23	9	3	11	49	53	30
Haverhill Rov	21	8	3	10	39	45	27
Diss Town	23	6	6	11	21	33	24
Felixstowe & W Utd	19	7	2	10	33	37	23
Kirkley & Pakefield	23	5	6	12	37	43	21
Wivenhoe Tn	25	5	3	17	22	50	18
Walsham-le-Willows	20	4	4	12	24	44	16
Newmarket Tn	25	3	5	17	28	72	14
Great Yarmouth Tn	22	1	2	19	19	82	5

KERSHAW LEAGUE

Premier Division: Chatteris Tn 3 Cottenham Utd 3, Gt Shelford 2 Linton Granta 1, Hardwick 3 Foxton 2, Lakenheath 6 Eaton Socon 1, Newmarket Tn res 0 Waterbeach 4, Over Spts 3 Littleport Tn 3, Somersham Tn 7 Ely City res 0, West Wrattling 2 Fulbourn Inst 1.

Senior A: Cherry Hinton 5 Wisbech Tn res 0, Deben 1 Sawston Utd 2, Hemingfords Utd 0 Castle Camps 2, Huxton 5 Cambridge City res 1, Soham Town Rgrs res 2 Gt Paxton 1, Soham Utd v Girton Utd (post), Wimbington 0 Needingworth Utd 0, Wisbech St Mary 2 Milton 0. **Senior B:** Cambridge Univ Press res 2 Duxford Utd 2, Comberton Utd 3 West Wrattling res 0, Fulbourn Institute res 0 St Ives Rgrs 1, Longstanton v Lakenheath res (post), Mildenhall Tn res v Saffron Crocus (post), Swavesey Institute 4 Outwell Swifts 1, West Row Gunners 1 Fenstanton 2.

BIS LEAGUE

Division 1A: Barrington 2 Bottisham Spts 0, Eaton Socon res 1 Sawston Rovers 2, Fowlmere 2 Whittlesford Utd 3, Gamlingay Utd 2 Clare Tn 1, RHS Utd v Royston Tn A (post), Steeple Bumpstead 0 Hardwick res 1. **Division 3A:** Balsham v Abington Utd (post), Eaton Socon A 2 Lode 0, Fulbourn Institute A 2 Orwell 3, Linton Granta res 9 Huxton res 0.

Division 4A: Duxford Utd res 2 Cherry Hinton res 3, Foxton res 1 Meldreth 4, Gt Paxton res 3 Saffron Rgrs 5, Haverhill Ath 5 Gransden 4, Litlington Ath 4 Cambridge Ambassadors 5, West Wrattling A v Deben res (post).

Division 5A: Castle Camps res v Thurlow (post), City Life res 2 Glemford & Cav Utd res 2, Saffron Crocus res 2 Newport 2, Saffron Dynamos 2 Linton Granta A 0, Sawston Utd A 2 Sawston Rov res 2.

TREADFIRST HALSTEAD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division: Acton Crown 2 Belchamps 0, Bures res 0 Helions Bumpstead 3, Halstead Wanderers v Sporting 77 (post), Punch 68 v Glemsford Gladiators (post), Rayne res 4 Finchingfield 3, Toppesfield v Pebmarsh (post).

CAMBS MINI LEAGUE

Under-10A: Elsenham v Spartak 78 (post), Haverhill Rov White v West Wrattling (post), Sawston Utd 2 Plantation White 2, Shelford & Stapleford Strikers White 2 Saffron Walden Tn 2.

Under-10B: Burwell Tigers White 1 Newmarket Tn Yellow 1, Newmarket Tn Blue v Soham Tn Rgrs (post), Teversham 1 Aztecs 1, Wilbraham Warriors 0 Haverhill Rov Blue 5.

Under-11B: Gransden v Bar Hill (post), Longstanton 4 Haverhill Rov Blue 1, Sawston Utd 6 Dynamo Foxton 2, Soham Utd v Bluntisham Blasters Blue (post), Waterbeach White 2 Balsham 2, Whittlesford Warriors 6 Oakington Vikings 2.

Under-11D: Bluntisham Blasters White 6 Over Spts 1, Cambridge Celts v West Wrattling (post), Hardwick Harriers White v Milton (post), Newmarket Tn Yellow 5 Great Bardfield 1.

Sunday

CAMBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COLTS LEAGUE

Under-12B: Isleham Utd v Chatteris Tn (post), Newmarket Tn Blue v Tuddenham Rgrs (post), Witchford v Huxton Hawks (post), Arbury Aces 4 St Ives Rgrs White Sox 0, Godmanchester Rov 1 Ramsey 3, Shelford & Stapleford Strikers v Haverhill Rov (post).

Under-13C: Whittlesford Warriors v Ramsey (post), Haverhill Rov v Strettham Sporting (post), Cambridge Celts 19 Needingworth Blue 0, Huntingdon Rowdies v Huxton Hawks (post), Shelford & Stapleford Strikers White v Plantation (post).

Under-13E: Fulbourn Institute 2 Girton 2, Isleham Utd v Walpole Warriors (post), Steeple Bumpstead Dynamos 1 Sutton Rgrs 2.

Under-14B: Bar Hill 0 Little Paxton 10, Mildenhall Tn v Walpole Warriors (post), Waterbeach v Kedington (post), Shelford & Stapleford Strikers 2 March Rgrs 6.

Under-14C: Burwell Tigers v Buckden (post), Huntingdon Rowdies v West Wrattling (post), Needingworth Blue 4 Histon Hornets 3, Newmarket Tn Blue v Littleport Tn (post), St Ives Rgrs Blue Sox 1 Fulbourn Institute 1.

Under-14E: Haverhill Rov Blue v Godmanchester Rov Blue (post), Soham Utd v Spartak 78 (post), Priory Parkside White 0 Gt Bardfield 4.

Under-15A: Chatteris Tn Youth White v Priory Parkside Black (post), Cherry Hinton Lions White 0 St Ives Rgrs Black Sox 6, Haverhill Rov Blue v Godmanchester Rov White (post), Saffron Walden Tn v Arbury Aces (post).

Under-15C: Buckden v Ely City (post), Sawston Utd v Whittlesford Warriors (post), Staploe and Duloe 11 Gamlingay Utd 0, Cherry Hinton Lions Blue 2 Needingworth 0, Huxton Hawks v Chesterton Villa (post).

Under-16A: West Wrattling 1 Witchford 3.

RUGBY UNION

SUFFOLK LEAGUE

Division One: Haverhill 30 Stowmarket 9.

Golf

Cracker from Condon, Loomes

AN exceptional return of 45 points helped Jackie Condon and Paul Loomes win the 2011 Christmas Cracker, a stableford pairs event, at the Haverhill club.

However, second place was not so clear cut after a three-way tie on 42 points, Dan Wilkins and Dave Pipe getting the nod ahead of Frank Gooch and Paul Bartlett, and Jim Bowser and Paul Meeks.

Haverhill's head professional Paul Wilby hosted the event, with 92 players braving bitter conditions.

■ Mark Wells carded an impressive nett 67 to win the Men's Midweek Medal and has had his handicap reduced by one.

Details – Division One: 1 Bob Spittle jun 76-8-68, 2 Gerry Scott 75-6-69 (lowest gross), 3 Andy Softley 83-12-71. **Division Two:** 1 Mark Wells 86-19-67, 2 Gordon Gibson 90-19-71, 3 Stuart Haworth 91-20-71. **Division Three:** 1 Patrick Bowes 101-24-77, 2 Ralph Herridge 104-25-79, 3 Graham Hepworth 102-22-80.

■ Sue Carr and Julie Sherry won the ladies' stableford events at Couplands Road.

Details – December 7: 1 Sue Carr 32pts, 2 Mary Sail 30pts, 3 Jackie Condon 29pts. **December 10:** 1 Julie Sherry 29pts, 2 Lyn Fish 28pts, 3 Pauline Calmet 25pts.

■ Daragh Whelan and Kevin Earp (Bury Driving Range) won the four-ball better-ball competition at the Winter Alliance meeting at Ufford.

The totalled 43 points, more than enough to see off Tom Evans and Miles Cowburn (Felixstowe Ferry) who pipped Reg Walters and Paul Samain (Diss and Ufford Park) on countback after both scored 39 pts.

They professionals prize was won by Danny Barton (Felixstowe Golf Centre) with a one-over-par 72, two shots clear of runner-up Stuart Robertson (Ufford Park).

■ Liam Merritt, the juniors' vice-captain, won the section's monthly medal by one shot from Michael Perrett.

Details – 1 Liam Merritt 74-6-68, 2 Michael Perrett 76-7-69, 3 Mitchell Davis 87-16-71.

■ Alan Carter scored 40 points to win the seniors section's Bits Memorial Trophy, a competition in memory of four past members who died within three months of each other.

More than 40 members took to the course for the event.



First prize bagged: Alan Carter with the Bits Memorial Trophy. CP

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>> Rugby union

Haverhill 30 Stowmarket 9

Suffolk League

HAVERHILL'S only lapses in an otherwise commanding performance were to give away three avoidable penalties in the first half. But they were the only times Stowmarket even threatened the home line, and the fact they were 40m away illustrated how well Haverhill played. The game started in bright sunshine but finished in fast-gathering gloom because of some inexplicable time stoppages. But, in between, Haverhill were outstanding in set and free play. Stowmarket knew they were in for a tough afternoon when the home pack dominated the first scrum after three minutes and a lovely flowing move ended with full-back Simon Potter touching down.

The use of the rolling maul – with Alex Hieatt giving Dave Quinney, Adrian Cooper and Martin Ransome ample opportunity to show their skills – but a high tackle on 22 minutes gave Stowmarket the first of their three converted penalties. And when Adam Hunt was penalised for being in front of the gain line and the

Haverhill make light work of ignoring penalty clause

resulting penalty allowed the visitors to lead 6-5. That lead was extended on 34 minutes when Haverhill conceded another penalty for not releasing the tackled player.

However, four minutes into time added on, Harry Marsh won a line-out and the ball was sent wide where Micky Lansdowne made space for a blistering break from Hunt, which took him over the line.

That made it 10-9 at the break and that became 17-9 two minutes into the second half when Martin Ransome turned over Stowmarket ball, Chris Flannery pinched a hole in their defence and Paul Bergin ploughed over. Hunt converted.

Lansdowne scorched through five tackles on a 55m try-scoring break after Jury and Hope built on a powerful 15m drive from a scrum.

Stowmarket were penalised in front of their own posts and Hunt extended the lead to 25-9 on 62 minutes.

The visitors were reduced to 14 players – and uncontested scrums – when a prop was shown a yellow card for another penalty infringement, and when play restarted Hieatt crossed the line for his first try in Haverhill's colours.

The game wound up in darkness at 4.02pm, 17 minutes later than scheduled, and with the addition of 12 unexplained minutes.



Roll on: Tom Jury sets another phase going from the back of the dominant Haverhill maul

CP

>> Football

Derby relief as Rovers' casualties make return



Push off: Ben Bradley (right) takes on the Barnston defence as Haverhill Sports Association go on the rampage in their league clash. Report – page 35
Picture: Gary Brown

PETER Betts will have a strong side available for Haverhill Rovers' Boxing Day derby (noon) at Ridgeons League, Premier Division rivals Newmarket Town.

The Rovers boss will be able to call on the services of Scott Lodge, Lewis Harper, Joe Harvey, Marcus Hunt and Dan Cornwell, players who have spent much of the past few weeks sidelined through injury.

Craig Calver will definitely miss the match, though, as he is suspended.

"We'll definitely be stronger than we have been lately," he said. "It's important we get three points on Boxing Day. That would act as a great springboard going into January."

Newmarket are second from bottom having struggled for the first half of the season, but Betts remains wary of his local rivals.

"It's a very winnable game but we won't be taking anything for granted against them," he continued. "It's a local derby on Boxing Day and I'm sure they'll have a big crowd there to support them."

"We can't afford to drop our level and it's important we're mentally switched on."

"We're looking forward to it, though. We know what to expect and it's an opportunity for the players to show what they can do."

"We want to have a good second half to the season and finish in the top 10."

With three cup quarter-finals to look forward to in January, a strong end to the year could give Rovers the boost they need.

"Our best chance of silverware this year is in the cups," said Betts. "We're



Peter Betts: "We'll definitely be stronger than we have been lately."

up against Mildenhall, Wisbech and Wroxham, so it couldn't be harder.

"But with a full squad available we can compete with anyone. Unfortunately, in the first half of the season injuries and suspensions have made it difficult."

"With players coming back we should be able to do better in January."

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